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SUBJECT: SALINE WATER AND SOLAR DISTILLATION IN DHOFAR

1. WE HAVE BEEN CONTACTED BY JAMES HORGAN, AN AMCIT ADVISER TO GOVERNOR OF DHOFAR, IN CONNECTION WITH USE OF SALINE WATER FOR IRRIGATION AND SOLAR DISTILLATION IN SOUTHERN OMAN. IT IS HORGAN'S UNDERSTANDING THAT UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII IS CURRENTLY RESEARCHING USES OF TREATED SEAWATER FOR IRRIGATION OF CERTAIN CROPS, WHILE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA IS EXPERIMENTING WITH SOLAR DISTILLATION OF SEAWATER FOR AGRICULTURE. SINCE OMAN GOVERNMENT IS PLACING HIGH PRIORITY ON AGRICULTURAL AND OTHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS IN DHOFAR, THIS COULD REPRESENT A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR INTRODUCTION OF US TECHNICAL SERVICES.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: USDOC SEND WHATEVER BROCHURES OR INFO IS AVAILABLE ON THESE TWO PROGRAMS WHICH WE WILL PASS TO HORGAN. HORGAN AT A LATER DATE MAY WISH TO CONTACT UNIVERSITIES OF HAWAII AND ARIZONA DIRECTLY.
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